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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6903**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 275**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2004**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Emancipation and School Attendance.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Skillman

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill has the following provisions:

(A) The bill allows a child at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age to withdraw from school before graduation if a court emancipates the child with a specification that the child may withdraw from school.

(B) The bill allows a child less than 18 years of age who has been emancipated by a court with a specification that the child may withdraw from school to: (1) be issued; or (2) retain; a driver's license, subject to conditions required to obtain a driver's license.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Summary:* (B) Under the bill, the Bureau of Motor vehicles may have a slight increase in three-year operator license revenue for emancipated children leaving school that either retain or are issued new licenses. The current license fee for a three-year operator license is \$12.

*Background:* For the year October 2002 through September 2003, there were 198 foster children in Indiana that reached majority age. There were 54 foster children age 16-18 that were emancipated by court order during the same time period. Information on the number of court-ordered emancipations for all Indiana children will be provided when available.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Summary:* (A) The bill could have a potential impact to school formula dollars received by school corporations if more emancipations were to result among 16-18 year old students before the ADM count day in a given school year. The impact to local school corporation revenue as a result of increased emancipations would likely be minimal.

*Background:* There were approximately 205,507 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade public school students during school year 2002-2003. Additionally, there were 22,381 students enrolled in nonpublic schools during school year 2002-2003.

**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations.

**Information Sources:** Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children; DOE SAS and ORACLE DATABASES.

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